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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Urmi Chattopadhyay. (3) ____.
- (2) Stephanie A. Wardwell. (4) ____.

Date of Interview: 25 February 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: None.

Claim(s) discussed: 4-16.

Identification of prior art discussed: None.

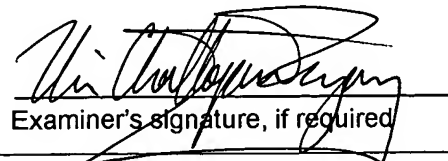
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussion of rewriting objected to claim 3 in independent form and which of claims 4-16 could be made dependent thereon. Claim 4 cannot be dependent on claim 3 because it contradicts a limitation, but claims 5-16 can be. Also discussed claims 16 and 33 having a lack of antecedent basis problem (112, second paragraph rejection) for "the ring". The examiner suggested rewording claims 16 and 33 because they would not be accurate of the embodiment shown in Figure 14 if they were made dependent on a claim that requires the ring to circumferentially surround the base or valve body.